

## REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Washington May 21 and June 7, 1930, supplementing agreement of March 29 and 31, 1928, as supplemented Entered into force June 7, 1930*  
*Replaced by agreement of November 12 and 13, 1931,<sup>1</sup> as amended by agreement of August 9 and 13, 1932<sup>2</sup>*

Department of State files

*The Netherlands Minister to the Secretary of State*

No. 1633

WASHINGTON, D.C., 21 May 1930

SIR:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that the agreement made on 30 [29] and 31 March 1928<sup>3</sup> between the Department of State and this Legation, in order to reduce passport visa fees to \$1.00 for American citizens entering the Netherlands and for Dutch subjects proceeding to the United States as non-immigrants, has been interpreted since by the Royal Government as also applying to American citizens going to the Netherland East Indies.

On the other hand it has been reported to me that the American Consuls still charge a fee of \$10 for a visa on Dutch passport of a person proceeding to the Philippines.

Considering the broad interpretation given by my Government to the above mentioned agreement, I should feel greatly obliged if Your Excellency would consider whether there would be any objection to a ruling that as an act of reciprocity, the agreement, reducing the passport visa fees, will also apply to Dutch subjects going to the possessions of the United States.

I should greatly appreciate being informed in due time of the opinion of Your Excellency on this subject.

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<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 110.

<sup>2</sup> *Post*, p. 113.

<sup>3</sup> *Ante*, p. 89.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

J. H. VAN ROIJEN

The Honorable  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
*Washington, D.C.*

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*The Secretary of State to the Netherlands Minister*

JUNE 7, 1930

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to your note No. 1633 of May 21, 1930, inquiring as to whether the reciprocal agreement recently made between the United States Government and the Netherland Legation for the mutual reduction of passport visa fees to \$1.00 is considered as applicable to citizens of the Netherlands proceeding to the Philippine Islands.

The Department, with a view to giving the broadest interpretation possible to its legal authority in connection with the reciprocal agreement in question, advises the Legation that it considers the agreement as applicable to subjects of the Netherlands proceeding to the United States and its insular possessions, including the Philippine Islands.

Copies of the Legation's note and of the present reply are being submitted to the American Legation at The Hague, as well as to the American consular officers at Amsterdam and Rotterdam, respectively.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:  
WILBUR J. CARR

Mr. J. H. VAN ROIJEN,  
*Minister of the Netherlands.*